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*Korea: Pyongyang clings to an unyielding stance regarding the crew of the Pueblo.

An article in the authoritative Nodong Sinmun, broadcast on 25 January, said those who had violated North Korea's sovereignty were criminals who must "be dealt with by law" and receive "due punishment."

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President Pak Chong-hui is under increasing pressure from within his regime to take action against the north after the North Korean raid into Seoul on 22 January.]

[The Soviet Union is keeping the US naval task force in the Sea of Japan under close surveillance. Yesterday, a Kildin-class guided missile destroyer joined a Soviet intelligence trawler already trailing the USS Enterprise. Additionally, a Riga-class destroyer escort and an oiler, which had been operating on their usual stations in the Tsushima Strait, steamed north and are now shadowing the carrier.]

In its first extended comment on the capture of the Pueblo, Moscow labeled the incident the latest "provocative

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action" in "Washington's dangerous course." A TASS statement, issued yesterday, cast doubt on the US version of the capture by citing Commander Bucher's alleged confession. TASS briefly reported the US reserve call-up, terming it a "threatening act."

Peking has yet to mention the North Korean action against the Pueblo and is ignoring the North Korean raid on Seoul.

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